

REMARKS

Applicant has presented new claims in connection with the filing of a request for continued examination. No new subject matter is introduced with this amendment. The present amendments are made in an effort to further prosecution of the present application without any acquiescence to the claim rejections to date.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. §§ 102/ 103

Claims 1-3, 5-6 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Kubota et al. (US 5,698,284) and Rockrath et al. (US 6,835,420). Claims 1-13, 15-18, 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubota et al. in view of Maag et al. (US 6,472,026). Claims 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubota et al. and Rockrath et al. in view of Maag et al. (US 6,472,026) as applied above, further in view of Brack (US 4,303,696). Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubota et al. and Rockrath et al. or Kubota et al. in view of Maag et al. (US 6,472,026) as applied above, further in view of Ishikawa et al. Claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubota et al. and Rockrath et al. or Kubota et al. in view of Maag et al. (US 6,472,026) as applied to above, further in view of Suzuki et al. and further in view of Mizuguchi et al. (JP2002067483). Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubota et al. and Rockrath et al. or Kubota et al. in view of Maag et al (US 6,472,026) as applied above, further in view of Tulley et al. Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubota et al. and Rockrath et al. or Kubota et al. in view of Maag et al. (US 6,472,026) as applied above, further in view of Ishikawa et al.

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However, Applicants respectfully submit that none of the art cited in the Final Office Action, whether applied separately or in combination, contains all of the limitations of the presently submitted claims. For example, claim 25 is directed to method of applying an image onto a game card and requires applying at least a first composition onto a game card. None of the art cited in the Final Office Action contains such a limitation. By way of further example, claim 25 requires at least a partial curing step and a drying step for the first and second composition. None of the art cited in the Final Office Action teaches such limitations.

Therefore, for at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits the claims should be allowed. Continued examination of the present application is respectfully requested. A fee for an RCE is included. If any other fee or extension of time is required to obtain the entry of this response, the undersigned hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant any necessary time and extension and authorize its charging deposit account no. 04-1403 for any such fee not submitted herewith.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Response to Deposit Account No. 04-1403.

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